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For: IMAGE CONVERSION METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
IMAGE CONVERSION PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH IMAGE CONVERSION  
PROCESSING PROGRAM IS RECORDED

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, the period for reply having been extended one (1) month to February 3, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

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--19. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of carrying out conversion by obtaining, from the intermediate image, image data represented by the required number of pixels performs conversion at a rate of  $x$  (wherein  $1 > x > \frac{1}{2}$ ).

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